

Interagency Committee  
Meeting Notes for April 26, 2006

Attending: Patti Stoneman Lowe, Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Debbie Cook, Department of Services for the Blind; Michelle Andreas, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Holly MacIntire, Washington Federation of Private Career Schools and Colleges; Tim Probst, Washington Workforce Association; Gary Kamimura and Paul Trause, Employment Security Department; Pam Lund, Walt Wong, Bryan Wilson, and Ellen O'Brien Saunders, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board).

**Draft May 10 and 11, 2006, Workforce Board Meeting Agenda**

Ellen discussed the draft agenda for the May 10 and 11, 2006, Workforce Board meeting, and the group discussed selected items:

**Workforce Development System Review**

Ellen indicated that the May 10 and the last hour of the May 11 Board meeting will be dedicated to Board members discussion of the Workforce Development System Review, which David Harrison will lead.

**Workforce Training Results Part I**

Bryan Wilson presented the draft Board packet piece to the committee. The 2006 report focuses on those individuals who left their programs during the 2003-2004 program year. He encouraged program managers to read their sections and get any comments/concerns to him.

**Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act**

Bryan Wilson presented the draft Board packet piece to the committee. Bryan indicated that the proposal to provide greater focus to Perkins funds is to recapture unspent local basic grant funds and direct them to a specified purpose. A dedicated purpose that would be advantageous to the system and to career and technical education students would be actions that advance the implementation of career pathways since these are required in both House and Senate versions of Perkins.

**Workforce Development Council Certification**

Pam Lund announced that the Board's certification review committee met on April 25, 2006, to review 11 Workforce Development Council (WDC) certification applications. The committee concluded that five applications satisfied the Governor's certification criteria and were determined complete; one additional WDC has completed its appointments since the committee meeting. Therefore, the action before the Board will cover six applications. The remaining applications will be approved provisionally. Workforce Board staff will follow up with the WDCs to complete the process. The committee will only meet again if there are concerns regarding the remaining applications and to consider the Snohomish County application when it is received.

***High Skills High Wages 2006: Performance Accountability***

Bryan Wilson presented the draft Board packet piece to the committee. At the March meeting, the Board reviewed the first draft of *High Skills, High Wages* Chapter 4 on Performance Accountability. The Board requested that a second draft be written to simplify the chapter and clarify the relationship between this performance accountability system and Government Management Accountability and Performance systems (GMAP). This draft does not attempt to address the policy questions highlighted at the March Board meeting.

Gary Kamimura recommended that a sentence be added regarding the PMCI workgroup revisiting the WorkSource measures, and Bryan agreed.

***High Skills, High Wages 2006: Our Agenda for Action***

Bryan Wilson presented the draft Board packet piece to the committee. Bryan mentioned that this is a first draft and staff will revise it based upon the Board's direction and then disseminate it electronically to obtain wider input. Final adoption does not occur until the fall.

**Industry Skill Panels – Standards**

Pam Lund presented the draft Board packet piece to the committee. The Workforce Board staff, with stakeholder input, developed 10 standards. These standards will be used to select Industry Skill Panels for funding, identify "Best Practices" among Skill Panels, track progress and identify technical assistance needs, communicate Industry Skill Panel results to the Governor and the Legislature, support legislative budget requests, and evaluate how well the Panels are performing as part of the (GMAP). Pam indicated that the standards were still out for comment and may be edited to reflect suggested changes for the Board packet.

**Workforce Investment Act Title I-B 10% - Recommendation to the Governor**

Bryan Wilson presented the draft Board packet piece to the committee and cautioned that the 10 percent funds for 2006 are expected to drop from \$8,412,184 in 2005 to \$7,264,087, a reduction of nearly 14 percent. The Workforce Board and Employment Security Department (ESD) staff consulted with representatives of WDCs to arrive at the recommended allocations.

Tim Probst thanked Bryan, Gary, and Paul and said this was the best process thus far.